



PARRA NOTES

Friday, July 29

Last Friday, I hosted a reception for participants of the **HOPE** (Hispanics Organized for Political Equality) leadership class of 2005. The reception brought HOPE participants from throughout the state to the **Central Valley** for four days to learn about the issues affecting the region. I had a great time interacting with all the participants who I am confident walked away with a greater understanding and appreciation of the **Central Valley**. I want to thank **Delano City Council Woman Grace Vallejo** for speaking at the reception.

On Saturday afternoon, I attend the 1st Annual **H.A.L.T** (Help Alleviate Loss & Theft ID Crime Day) hosted by **F.A.S.T. Credit Union** in **Hanford**. **Kings County Sheriff Allan McClain** and his staff gave a great presentation on the dangers and consequences of ID Theft. I look forward to working with local law enforcement officials to continue efforts to combat this growing crime. Later that day, I attended the **Latina Leaders** Annual Outstanding Recognition Dinner in **Bakersfield**. I had the honor of presenting a resolution to **Chris Carrera** from the **Kern County Housing Authority**, **Estella Casas** from the **Greater Bakersfield Legal Assistance** and **Diana Sanchez** from the **Bakersfield Adult School**. These women have made outstanding contributions to the community.

On Wednesday, I attended the **Lamont Lions Club** monthly meeting. It was great to see **Jim Bates**, Executive Secretary of the Lions Club and **Rick Robles**, 6th grade Middle School Teacher at **Myrtle School** in **Lamont**. I had not seen them in a while, so it was nice to catch up with them again. I was able to provide everyone in attendance with a legislative update. After the meeting, I headed over to **Arvin City Hall** where I met with **Arvin** Mayor, **Tim Tarver** and **Arvin** City Manager **Enrique Ochoa**. We had a great discussion on **Arvin's** growing population and the additional resources it will need in the years to come because of it.

On Thursday, I joined several farmworkers, farmers, growers, health officials and legislators in what was called "**A Meeting in the Sun**" to discuss regulations related to heat illness and heat in the workplace. We all agreed that we have to let the new regulations come into effect enforcement of current law. Later that evening, I hosted a booth at the **Kingsburg Street Fair** in **Downtown Kingsburg**. I was excited to see many of you out there, including **Kingsburg** City Manager **Don Pauley**, **Kingsburg** Councilman **Dave Karstetter**, **Kingsburg** Police Chief **Jeff Dunn**, **Kingsburg** residents **Edward Moreno** and **Robert** and **Celia Arroyo**.

District Work Period

Below you will find some of the public events that I am scheduled to attend during my District work period. I encourage you to stop by and say hello. I will keep updating you as more events are scheduled. I hope to see all of you out there.

PHILIPPINE WEEKEND PARADE

On July 30th, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., I will be riding in the 31st Annual Philippine Weekend Parade in Delano. The parade route starts on 8th and Main St. in front of Ranch Market. This event is open to the public.

THURSDAY NIGHT MARKET

On August 11th, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., I will be hosting a booth at Thursday Night Market in Hanford. This weekly event is located on Irwin St. in Hanford. This event is open to the public.

Legislation

GOVERNOR SIGNS PARRA LEGISLATION

Last Friday, the Governor signed into law one of the first pieces of legislation I introduced this year, **AB 434**. This bill will conform state law to federal law by authorizing state-chartered credit unions to provide Health Savings Accounts. State chartered credit unions already offer similar accounts for other purposes, such as for retirement, but not for health care. AB 434 goes on to further clarify current law on Education Savings Accounts because the current statute is vague and unclear. AB 434 will go into effect on January 1, 2006.

If you need further information regarding this piece of legislation, please feel free to contact me at any of my offices listed below.

Other Highlights

TULARE COUNTY AWARDED THOUSANDS

I was excited to learn this week that the California Department of Health Services awarded **Tulare County** \$200,000 to help curb the spread of the West Nile Virus and to control mosquitoes in the southern part of **Tulare County**. More specifically, the money will be used to aggressively spray "hot spots" and provide mosquito abatement in **Lindsay, Porterville** and nearby unincorporated communities such as **Strathmore** and **Terra Bella**. These areas are not presently covered by a mosquito abatement district. I was proud to lend my support to such an important request.

SUMMER INTERNS WANTED

I am presently accepting applications for my summer internship program in my **Hanford** and **Bakersfield** district offices. Candidates should be residents of the 30th Assembly District, possess solid research and communication skills, have a strong interest in public policy and political issues facing the Central Valley.

Applications can be found at <http://democrats.assembly.ca.gov/members/a30>. For more details, please contact Richard Valle at the Hanford office at **(559) 585-7170** or by e-mail at Richard.Valle@asm.ca.gov. For Bakersfield office internships please contact **Manuel Barrera** at **(661) 334-3745** or by e-mail at Manuel.Barrera@asm.ca.gov

GRANTS

In just a few days, my office will be distributing grant packages. Included in the package will be information regarding, state, federal and private grants. For more information please contact Juan Cerda at **(661) 334-3745** or by e-mail at Juan.Cerda@asm.ca.gov

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